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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., AT THE
OPENING OF THE KESWICK BRIDGE, 27TH OCTOBER, 1967.

MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE MINISTERS, THE HON. THE LEADER OF THE
OPPOSITION, THE RT.HON. THE LORD MAYOR, PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

BOTH THE MINISTER AND THE COMMISSIONER HAVE GIVEN US
SOME VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE
KESWICK BRIDGE AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT IN PAST YEARS, AND THE VOLUME
OF TRAFFIC WHICH WILL DAILY USE THIS NEW BRIDGE. AS A MATTER
OF FACT, THEIR SPEECHES HAVE LEFT ME LITTLE TO SAY PARTICULARLY
ON THE ASPECTS THEY HAVE COVERED !

WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY AND METROPOLITAN
AREA, AND THE MODERN TREND OF PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND THE
EXTENSIVE USE OF ROAD TRANSPORT FOR FREIGHT AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT,
A NEW BRIDGE AT THIS SITE WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE
TRAFFIC FLOW IN THIS AREA. NO MATTER HOW GOOD AND WIDE ROADS

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MAY BE, THEIR FACILITIES ARE LIMITED BY THE ACCESS TO THEM, AND
THE KESWICK BRIDGE FOR MANY YEARS HAS CREATED A BOTTLENECK FOR
TRAFFIC PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIODS OF PEAK TRAFFIC FLOW.

ONE OF THE FEATURES AT WHICH I NEVER CEASE TO MARVEL
IS THE ABILITY OF OUR ENGINEERS TO CONSTRUCT A STRUCTURE SUCH AS
THE KESWICK BRIDGE, AND YET AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN A FLOW OF
TRAFFIC DURING THE PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION. THE NEW BRIDGE
STANDS AS A MONUMENT TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ENGINEERING SECTION
OF OUR HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE PLANNED AND DEVELOPED IT IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT, AND THE CONTRACTORS -
A.W. BAULDERSTONE & COMPANY PTY. LIMITED, WHO HAVE CARRIED OUT THE
CONTRACT. AS THE COMMISSIONER HAS POINTED OUT, THE CONTRACTOR
HAS COMPLETED THE PROJECT FOUR MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THIS
IS A CREDIT TO THE MANAGEMENT AND THE WORKMEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE. IT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT SOUTH

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRAFTSMEN HAVE ACHIEVED AND CAN MAINTAIN A STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY THAT IS NOT BETTERED ELSEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, AND IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE WILL OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN FURTHERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR GREAT STATE.

THE ADELAIDE HILLS TO THE EAST, AND THE SEA TO THE WEST OF OUR CITY, THEMSELVES DETERMINE THAT THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF ADELAIDE MUST BE TO THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. THIS BRIDGE FORMS THE GATEWAY TO THE CITY PROPER FROM OUR SOUTHERN EXPANSION, AND, TOGETHER WITH THE VAST IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE MAIN SOUTH ROAD ENSURE A READY FLOW OF ROAD TRAFFIC TO AND FROM ADELAIDE AND THE EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL AREAS TO THE SOUTH. IN A WEEK'S TIME, WE SHALL WITNESS THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE

ENGINE PLANT OF CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA PTY. LIMITED AT LONSDALE. THEY ALREADY HAVE A LARGE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT AT TONSLEY PARK. OTHER FACTORIES HAVE ALSO COMMENCED OPERATIONS ADJACENT TO THE NEW CHRYSLER WORKS AT CHRISTIES BEACH, AND THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC WHICH WILL FLOW AS THE RESULT OF THESE NEW INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE EXISTING INDUSTRIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS IS SUCH THAT THE NEW BRIDGE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A MATTER OF URGENT NECESSITY.

I ADD THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS, TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GREAT ENGINEERING PROJECT. IT WILL SERVE THE CITY OF ADELAIDE AND THE SURROUNDING SUBURBS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME AND, AS PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, I AND MY GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO PROMOTE THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.